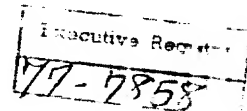


THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1977




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FROM:

Hugh Carter 

SUBJECT:

Jody Powell Memo of 6/1/77

Could you please send me your comments as soon as possible on Jody Powell's recommendation that credentialed reporters have open access to the OEOB.

Thanks.

EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE



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June 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO : The President

FROM: Jody Powell *JPP*

Reporters accredited to the White House are allowed entry to the Executive Office Building by appointment only. In addition, they are barred, as guests, from the White House Mess, unlike any other category of person. I recommend that both rules be changed to conform with your policy of conducting an open administration.

Executive Office Building. Until the Kennedy years, the EOB was open to reporters. During the Vietnam-Watergate era, it was closed. A return now to the policy of allowing accredited reporters to move freely within the building would do more to demonstrate to the news media the openness of the Carter Administration than any other step I could reasonably recommend. There may be opposition to reopening the EOB for fear that budget and policy option papers generated there might leak, but I believe we have learned this spring that leaks will occur, regardless.

One of the institutional problems here at the White House is the confusing nature of the White House correspondent's job. Allowing them to roam around a bit would relieve some of the pressure and contribute to an improved psychological climate in the press room.

White House Mess. Your five assistants and my two deputies need to lunch occasionally with reporters. It would be a great convenience if we could invite them as personal guests.

Reopen the EOB

_____ Yes

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_____ Let's talk

Press guests in Mess

_____ Yes

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